A close-up, vertical view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is draped and folded, with the blue field containing white stars visible at the top and the red and white stripes below. The lighting creates soft shadows and highlights the texture of the fabric.

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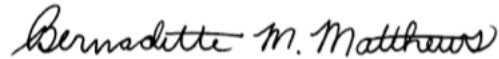
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9/6/23	16	Updated language of Democratic signature requirement to conform to revised Democratic plan language
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P R E F A C E

This **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATES GUIDE** has been prepared to provide information for candidates seeking office in 2024. However, ***legal interpretations contained in the Guide are not binding and may not be construed as sufficient argument in response to an objection to any candidate's nomination.*** The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the State Board of Elections in Springfield (217/782-4141) or Chicago (312/814-6440).

Your comments and suggestions are appreciated.

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Bernadette M. Matthews
Executive Director

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GENERAL PRIMARY
(Third Tuesday in March)

MARCH 19, 2024

GENERAL ELECTION
(First Tuesday after the
first Monday in November)

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

FILING PERIODS

WHO: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE, DELEGATES & ALTERNATE
DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTIONS
(DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN)**

WHAT: **General Primary**

WHEN: **January 4 – January 5, 2024**

WHERE: Illinois State Board of Elections
2329 S. MacArthur Boulevard
Springfield, IL 62704

HOW: **Petitions may not be circulated prior to October 7, 2023.**

WHO: **NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES AND INDEPENDENT
CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

WHAT: **General Election**

WHEN: **June 17 – 24, 2024**

WHERE: Illinois State Board of Elections
2329 S. MacArthur Boulevard
Springfield, IL 62704

HOW: **Petitions may not be circulated prior to March 26, 2024**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATION PAPERS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel as to their legal qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc.
2. Candidates must file for office in one of the following manners:
 - a. as a candidate of an established political party;
 - b. as a candidate of a new political party; or
 - c. as an independent candidate.

3. Candidates **must** file the following papers (which should be in the following order):

- a. Statement of Candidacy;*

** Presidential electors whose names appear on independent and new party petitions are not required to submit a Statement of Candidacy. (10 ILCS 5/10-5)*

- b. Delegates and Alternate Delegates only – a Statement of Declaration of Preference for President of the United States (“Statement of Presidential Preference”) or a statement that they are running as uncommitted;
- c. Loyalty Oath (optional);
- d. Nominating petition sheets, containing sufficient number of **original** signatures.

NOTE: A new political party petition must have attached thereto a certificate (suggested [SBE Form P-8C](#)) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. (See 10 ILCS 5/10-5; *Peoples Indep. Party v. Petroff*, 191 Ill. App. 3d 706, 548 N.E. 2d 145 (5th Dist. 1989)) Failure to file this form will not invalidate the petition but will preclude the new party from being able to fill any vacancy that may occur.

4. Election laws prescribe the forms to be submitted in seeking nomination and election to office. The State Board of Elections has prepared **suggested** forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, etc. The official SBE form number suggested for use is included under each office listed in this Guide. Forms are available for purchase from election supply vendors, and may be obtained from

the offices of the State Board of Elections or downloaded from the Board's website at <http://www.elections.il.gov>.

5. Petitions may be filed in-person or by mail, by either the candidate or a representative of the candidate.

a. Filings made by mail must be received **no earlier** than the opening of the office on the first day of the appropriate filing period and **no later** than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of that filing period. (26 Ill. Adm. Code §§ 201.20, 202.20) Filings made in-person will be accepted in the **principal office (Springfield)** of the State Board of Elections beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the appropriate filing period and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of that filing period. Petitions must actually be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of that filing period; ***simply being in line at 5:00 p.m. on said last day is not sufficient.***

b. Petitions sent by mail and received **after** midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day. (26 Ill. Adm. Code §§ 201.20, 202.20) Candidates who wish to qualify for the lottery and file by mail should **mail (U.S. Postal Service only)** their petitions to the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. McArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503. It is important to note that petitions received **BEFORE** the first day of filing cannot be accepted. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6.2)

6. Ballot Placement Lotteries

a. The lotteries are held within nine days following the last day to file petitions.

b. Petitions filed on the first day at the opening hour (8:00 a.m.) and petitions filed within the last hour on the last day of the filing period (4:00-5:00 p.m.) are included in respective lotteries to appear first, or last, on the ballot.

c. Filings received after the opening hour, and before the last hour, will be certified in the order of filing for ballot placement. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6.2; 26 Ill. Adm. Code §§ 201.40, 202.40)

7. Multiple Filings

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate for the same office, the State Board of Elections shall, within two (2) business days, notify the candidate of their multiple petition filings and that the candidate has three (3) business days after receipt of the notice to notify the State Board of Elections that they may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate sends notice, the designated set of petitions shall be the only petitions to be considered valid (candidates may use suggested [SBE Form No. P-25A](#) to provide such notice). If the candidate fails to send notice, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6.2)

NOTE: If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person with respect to more than one political party, their name shall not be certified for the primary ballot of any party. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

B. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS

1. The top portion (heading) of the nominating petition sheet which includes information relative to the election, the candidate, the office, and political party, as applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.
 - a. The form of the candidate's name that appears on the heading of page 1 of the petition is the form that will be certified for the ballot. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree, or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree, professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e))
 - b. A political slogan is defined as any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate may espouse, including but not limited to any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as part of their name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name. (10 ILCS 5/7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)) The State Board of Elections shall not certify any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with that restriction. (10 ILCS 5/7-17(c))

NOTE: If a candidate has changed their name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname or a name change that conforms the candidate's name to his or her gender identity. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b)-(c), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)-(f))

- c. The name of more than one candidate of the same political party for a group office such as delegate may appear on the same petition. However, each candidate must submit their individual Statement of Candidacy and optional

Loyalty Oath with the petition. **THE CANDIDATE'S NAME SHOULD APPEAR IN EXACTLY THE SAME FORM ON THE PETITION SHEETS, STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY, AND LOYALTY OATH.** The Board will certify each candidate's name as the name appears on petition sheet #1. (see "a" above) (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

- d. Each petition sheet must contain precisely the same information in the heading. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- e. Petition sheets which are filed with the State Board of Elections must contain the **original** signatures signed by the voters signing the petition ("signers") and by the circulator thereof, and shall not be photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

2. Petition Circulator

- a. A petition circulator must be 17 years of age or older (18 years of age or older by the date of the general election) and a citizen of the United States. **The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement that all signatures were taken in their presence.** No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement. (10 ILCS 5/3-6(c), 7-10, 10-4)
- b. Petition sheets must **not** be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition must specify: (1) the dates on which the sheets were circulated; (2) the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated; or (3) that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4; Schober v. Young, 322 Ill. App. 3d 996, 751 N.E. 2d 610 (4th Dist. 2001))
- d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- e. A petition circulator may not circulate for an established party candidate in a primary election then for an independent candidate in the election. (10 ILCS 5/10-4; Elam v. Mun. Officers Electoral Bd. for Vill. of Riverdale, 2021 IL 127080, 182 N.E. 3d 746 (2021))
- f. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- g. A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying address, age, and citizenship information and also certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in their presence

and are genuine and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the persons so signing were qualified voters of the political subdivision for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, or elected, and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. Petition circulators for established party candidates must swear that to the best of their knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the relevant party. The statement shall be sworn to and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

- h. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's county, city, village, or town, and state. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

3. Petition Signers

- a. A signer **may NOT** sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- b. A signer **may** sign the petitions of one established political party for the primary election and one new political party or independent candidate for the subsequent general election.
- c. A signer must sign their own name on the petition, and their address must follow their signature. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of their family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- d. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another. (*Kusper v. Pontikes*, 414 U.S. 51 (1973); *Hossfeld v. Ill. State Bd. of Elections*, 238 Ill. 2d 418, 939 N.E. 2d 368 (2010); *Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Bd.*, 57 Ill. 2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974)) A primary election and the following election are considered one election for these purposes. (*Elam*, 2021 IL 127080, 182 N.E. 3d 746)
- e. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4)
- f. Each petition signer shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the signer, as well as the signer's city, village, town, county, and state. **A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite their signature on the petition.** The city, village, county and/or state may be preprinted if all the signers reside therein. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- g. Signatures may be stricken from the petition by the circulator or the candidate, prior to filing, in the following manner:

- 1) The person striking the signature must initial the petition at the place where the signature is stricken. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 2) The person striking the signature must sign a certification (suggested [SBE Form P-2A](#)) listing the page number and line number of each signature stricken from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions must sign an additional certificate (suggested [SBE Form P-2B](#)) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures which are attached to the petition and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate must be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of signers' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
 - 4) All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to affect a valid striking of any signature. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
4. Petition Preparation (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- a. The petition signature sheets must be **original** and of **uniform** size.
 - b. The petition signature sheets must be numbered consecutively beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
 - c. The following original documents are to be attached to (preferably on top of) the nominating petition signature sheets:
 - 1) Statement of Candidacy;
 - 2) Statement of Presidential Preference (Delegates and Alternate Delegates);
 - 3) Loyalty Oath (optional)

The documents listed in this subsection 4.c. are not to be numbered.

- d. Any certifications related to striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1." (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)

For all new political party petitions, the petitions shall have attached thereto a certificate (suggested [SBE Form P-8C](#)) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will result in the party

forfeiting its right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition. (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11)

- e. The petition signature sheets must be **neatly fastened together** in book form by placing the sheets in a pile and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.
- f. A petition when filed shall not be altered or amended. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5)

C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

- 1. Each candidate,* whether an individual candidate or one whose name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The form of the candidate's name, as printed and signed, should match the name as printed on the petition. Furthermore, the address of the candidate; the office for which the person is a candidate; political party designation, if applicable; and statements that the person is qualified for the office specified, should also match the information as printed on the petition. **THIS STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION PAPERS.**

* Presidential *e/lectors* whose names are submitted with independent and new party petitions are not required to submit a Statement of Candidacy. (10 ILCS 5/10-5)

2. Candidate's Name

- a. In the designation of the name of a candidate on nomination papers or a certificate of nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2; 10-5.1)
- b. If a candidate has changed their name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the nomination papers or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname, or name change that conforms with a candidate or elector's gender identity. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2; 10-5.1)

- c. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree, or nickname implying possession of a title, degree, professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname. A political slogan is defined as any word or words "expressing or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate may espouse, including but not limited to, any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate." A candidate may not use a political slogan as part of their name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e))
- 3. The candidate must swear to and sign the Statement of Candidacy, which must be notarized.

D. LOYALTY OATH (Optional)

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional. (See *Communist Party of Indiana v. Whitcomb*, 414 U.S. 441 (1976))

E. PROHIBITED - USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE VOTE

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1)

F. CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative campaign. (10 ILCS 5/29B-5 *et seq.*)

G. APPARENT CONFORMITY REVIEW

The State Board of Elections conducts a limited apparent conformity review of all candidate nominating petitions filed with it. The review takes places after the petition is filed, and is limited to determining the following: (1) whether a signed Statement of Candidacy has been filed, and (2) whether the filed nominating petition sheets contain a gross number of signatures equal to or exceeding 10% of the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought.

All candidates whose petitions fail the apparent conformity review will be notified in writing and given an opportunity to appear before the State Board of Elections at its first meeting to call petition objection cases, before a final determination is made to reject the candidate's petition on the basis of non-conformity.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

A. NOMINATION OF ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

1. A political party which, at the last general election for State and county offices, polled for its candidate for Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for Governor, is an “established political party” as to the State and as to any district or political subdivision thereof. A political party that received more than 5% of the entire vote cast in the State at the general election next preceding a primary is an established political party within the State, and shall elect precinct, township, ward, and State central committee persons. (10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2)
2. In preparing their nomination papers, candidates of established political parties seeking nomination should follow the information contained in “Requirements for Filing Nomination Papers” beginning on page 2.
3. Nomination papers for Presidential Preference Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Nominating Conventions are filed with the State Board of Elections (see filing period information at page 1 for dates).
4. A candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the General Election as an independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party, and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that General Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)
5. Individual signers who sign an Established Party candidate petition may not sign a petition of a candidate of another Established Party. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

B. NOMINATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

1. A new political party is formed by filing a petition containing the names of all of the party’s candidates running for any of the offices to be filled within the given district or political subdivision. New political party candidates must follow the provisions contained in Section 10-2 of the Election Code. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)
2. New political party candidates who wish to file for President and Vice President must file nominating petitions with the State Board of Elections. (June 17-24, 2024)
3. Upon filing its petition with its slate of candidates, a new political party is created. A new political party that receives more than 5% of the votes cast at that election becomes an established political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)
4. A new political party petition must have attached a Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies in Nomination. (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11) Failure to file the Certificate leaves the party unable to fill any later vacancy in nomination.

5. When a new political party petition is invalidated in its entirety by an electoral board or upon judicial review, no vacancies in nomination for those offices shall exist and the filing of any notice or resolution purporting to fill vacancies in nomination shall have no legal effect. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)
6. A political party name may not contain more than five words. Moreover, such party shall not bear the same name as, or include the name of, any established party. (10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5(2))
7. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the General Election as an independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party, and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that General Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)
8. Nomination papers for new political party candidates must be filed with the State Board of Elections for President and Vice President during the filing period June 17-24, 2024. The petitions should include the names and addresses of 19 Presidential electors. (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6, 21-1)
9. Candidates nominated by a new political party must provide the following documents to be included with the petition to form a new political party:
 - a. A Statement of Candidacy for each candidate;

NOTE: Presidential electors whose names appear on new party and independent petitions are not required to submit a Statement of Candidacy. (10 ILCS 5/10-5)
 - b. A certificate (suggested [SBE Form P-8C](#)) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies. *Failure to file this form will result in the party forfeiting the right to fill vacancies.* (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11)

(See “Requirements for Filing Nomination Papers” beginning on page 2 for more detailed information).

C. NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

1. Independent candidates are those individuals who are not candidates of any political party, but who are candidates in a general election at which party candidates may appear on the ballot. The designation “Independent” appears next to the candidate’s name on the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
2. Independent candidates file at the same time as new party candidates (June 17-24, 2024) with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

3. The petitions should include the names and addresses of 19 Presidential electors. Those electors do not have to submit a Statement of Candidacy (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6, 21-1)
4. Vacancies for independent candidates cannot be filled. (10 ILCS 5/10-7) A vacancy in nomination contemplates a political party organization to fill it. An independent is an individual candidate not supported by a party structure. Therefore, there is no political party organization to fill the vacancy in nomination.
5. Independent candidates seeking election should follow the information contained in “Requirements for Filing Nomination Papers” beginning on page 2 in preparing their nomination papers for filing.
6. A candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the general election as an independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party, and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that general election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

D. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE PROCEDURES

Write-in candidates must file notarized Declarations of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate not less than 61 days prior to the election with the proper election authorities in those jurisdictions in which they are seeking to be a write-in candidate (i.e., a write-in candidate for President must file a Declaration of Intent with every county clerk and board of election commissioners in the State). A list of the names and addresses of all Illinois election authorities is available on the Board’s website at www.elections.il.gov. **Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate forms are not filed with the State Board of Elections.** (10 ILCS 5/7-59, 17-16.1, 18-9.1) A candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election and who is defeated for nomination may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that General Election. Whenever an objection to a candidate’s nomination papers or petitions for any office is sustained after the 61st day before the election, the candidate may file the notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for that office with the proper election authorities no later than 7 days prior to the election. (10 ILCS 5/7-59, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

Forms for the Declaration of Intent can be obtained from the various election authorities or the State Board of Elections.

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. For the purpose of determining eligibility to sign or circulate a nominating petition, the terms “voter,” “registered voter,” “qualified voter,” “legal voter,” “elector,” “qualified elector,” and “primary elector” shall mean a person who is registered to vote at the address shown opposite their signature on the petition or was registered to vote at such address when they signed the petition. (10 ILCS 5/3-1.2)

2. When a candidate submits a written, notarized request to withdraw their nomination papers, the original petition is not returned to the individual, but remains in the office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
3. Blank nomination petitions may be reproduced prior to circulation. All signatures required on nomination petitions must be original. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

OFFICE: **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

MINIMUM AGE: 35

RESIDENCY: Natural born citizen of the United States. 14 years residence within the U.S. (U.S. Constitution, Art. 2, Sec. 1, Clause 5)

SIGNATURE

REQUIREMENTS: **ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES**

Not less than 3,000 or more than 5,000 primary electors of their party (10 ILCS 5/7-11)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

1% of the number of voters who voted at the next preceding statewide general election, or 25,000, whichever is less (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES

1% of the number of voters who voted at the next preceding statewide general election, or 25,000, whichever is less (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

VICE PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE AND
PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTORS:

Petitions for independent and new party candidates for President can include the name of a Vice Presidential candidate and a list of 19 Presidential electors with names and addresses. (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6, 21-1)

Presidential electors for the established political parties are chosen at state conventions. (10 ILCS 5/21-1)

PETITIONS: ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. [P-10](#) (suggested)

INDEPENDENT: SBE No. [P-3](#) (suggested)

NEW PARTY: SBE No. [P-8](#) (suggested)

STATEMENT OF
CANDIDACY:

Filed with nomination papers. Required for Established Party Presidential Candidates and for new party and independent Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. Not required for new party and independent Electoral College electors. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. [P-1](#) (suggested)

INDEPENDENT: SBE No. [P-1B](#) (suggested)

NEW PARTY: SBE No. [P-1D](#) (suggested)

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. [P-1C](#) (suggested)

STATEMENT
OF ECONOMIC
INTERESTS: Not required for Federal Office.

FILING DATES: **ESTABLISHED PARTIES** (10 ILCS 5/7-11 and the approved plans
of the respective established political parties)

January 4 – January 5, 2024
Circulation begins **October 7, 2023**

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

June 17 - 24, 2024
Circulation begins **March 26, 2024**

NEW POLITICAL PARTY (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

June 17 - 24, 2024
Circulation begins **March 26, 2024**

WHERE TO
FILE: State Board of Elections
2329 S. McArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503

CAMPAIGN
DISCLOSURE: Filed with the Federal Election Commission, 1050 First Street NE,
Washington, D.C. 20463 (Phone: 800-424-9530).

TERM BEGINS: Noon, January 20, 2025 (U.S. Constitution, Amendment 20, Sec. 1)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 Years

OFFICE: **DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE** to National
Presidential Nominating Conventions
(This is a Party office elected at the General Primary)

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years

RESIDENCY: United States Citizen. Resident of the congressional district for 30 days. Registered voter of the district.

SIGNATURE

REQUIREMENTS: **Democratic:** Not less than the lesser of .5% (.005) of the qualified primary electors of the party in the congressional district (10 ILCS 5/7-10(b)) or 500 (Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, Rule 15.C.)

Republican: Not less than .5% (.005) of the qualified primary electors of the party in the congressional district (10 ILCS 5/7-10(b))

NUMBER OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES DELEGATES ALLOCATED

PER DISTRICT: The formula for allocating delegates per congressional district is certified to the State Board of Elections by each Party. The Board allocates delegates according to the selected formulas upon receiving notification from the Secretary of State as to the number of delegates and alternate delegates to which Illinois will be entitled at the respective national nominating conventions. The Secretary of State shall ascertain the numbers from the call of the national convention of each party.

NOTE (DEMOCRATIC): The Democratic Party's Delegate Selection Rules do not provide for any Alternate Delegates to be elected from the Congressional Districts in 2024.

NOTE (REPUBLICAN): The Republican Party's Rules allow for three (3) Delegates and three (3) Alternate Delegates to be elected from each Congressional District at the General Primary Election in 2024.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE:

Each candidate for delegate and alternate delegate must file a statement declaring the name of their preference for President of the United States, or that they intend to run uncommitted (suggested [SBE No. P-1E](#)). However, Section 7-10.3 of the Illinois Election Code allows the State Central Committee of either political party to

file a statement with the SBE, not less than 30 days prior to the first day for the filing of petitions, specifying that a candidate for delegate or alternate delegate is not required to file a Statement of Presidential Preference. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.3)

PETITIONS: Delegate [SBE No. P-23](#) (suggested)
Alternate Delegate [SBE No. P-24](#) (suggested)

STATEMENT
OF CANDIDACY: Filed with petition. [SBE No. P-1J](#) (suggested)

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. [P-1C](#) (suggested)

STATEMENT OF
ECONOMIC
INTERESTS: Not required for party office.

FILING DATES: **January 4 – January 5, 2024**
Circulation begins **October 7, 2023**

WHERE TO
FILE: State Board of Elections
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Democratic district level delegate candidates must file a copy of their Statement of Candidacy and Statement of Presidential Preference with the State Democratic Party (Proposed Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, Section III.A.4.b.)

CAMPAIGN
FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE: Not required for individual delegate candidates. Under some circumstances, groups of delegate candidates may be required to file with the Federal Election Commission. Call the FEC for further information (800-424-9530).

If more candidates file as committed to a Republican Presidential candidate than can be elected from a district, the Presidential candidate or their authorized agent has the option of filing a list with the SBE of delegate candidates who shall appear as committed to that candidate within 10 days after the last day to file. The remaining candidates will be certified as “uncommitted.” (10 ILCS 5/7-10.3(b))

Under the provisions of the Proposed Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic Convention, the Presidential candidate or authorized representative

has the option of approving delegates and alternate delegates when more candidates file as committed to a Presidential candidate than can be elected in a district. The Presidential candidate will provide a list of approved delegate and alternate candidates to the SBE and the State Party Chair by 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2024. Those candidates who are not approved by the Presidential candidate will not appear on the primary ballot. (Proposed Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, Section III.A.5.)

REPUBLICAN PARTY NOTE:

For further information about the Party's rules, please check with the Republican Party of Illinois, <https://illinois.gop/>.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOTES:

Under the provisions of the Proposed Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention:

the Illinois presidential primary election is a "binding" primary. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.

(Proposed Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, Section III.A.6.a.)

The Proposed Delegate Selection Plan also provides:

To ensure the district-level binary-gendered delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) the gender of the first binary delegate elected in each district will be designated. At the time of election of delegates in the district, the binary gender advantage will alternate as delegate positions are filled and the alternation shall continue across presidential preferences in order of vote-getting preference. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall shall [sic.] not be counted in either the male or female category, but do count towards the total delegate allotment. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)

In districts with an odd number of delegates, the first gender binary delegate selected for the winning presidential preference must be of the same gender as the advantaged gender in that district. Should a gender non-binary delegate attain more votes than a gender binary candidate that would otherwise be entitled to a delegate position, the gender non-binary delegate will be elected a delegate and shall not be counted as either male or female for equal division purposes. Following that determination, the allocation

would continue alternating by gender for the winning presidential preference and any subsequent preferences. In districts with an even number of delegates, the highest vote-getting delegate candidate for the district's winning presidential preference will be the first delegate assigned. Following that determination, the state will then designate the remaining positions for that presidential preference and any subsequent preferences alternating by gender, as mathematically practicable.

(Proposed Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, Section III.A.7.a., *citing* Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention)

For further information about the Party's rules, please check with the Democratic Party of Illinois, <https://ildems.com/>.

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS

FILING OBJECTION PETITION:

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections to them are filed. An original and two (2) copies of objection petitions must be filed in writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing nomination papers. The objection shall be filed with the Springfield or Chicago office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-13, 10-8)

PROCESSING OBJECTION:

Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of objector's petition, the State Board of Elections shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the nomination papers and original objector's petition to the chair of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9 or their authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery of the objector's petitions, to the candidate whose nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in the Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers. **The State Board of Elections is the electoral board, except in districts which are wholly contained within Cook County, and wholly or partially within the jurisdiction of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, in which case the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners serves as the electoral board.** (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-9)

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIR OF ELECTORAL BOARD:

Within 24 hours after receipt of the objector's petition, the chair of the electoral board (other than the State Board of Elections) shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, the candidate, the election authority, and the appropriate county clerk and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons.

In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chair of the SBE shall send the call to the objector and candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to by registered or certified mail stating the day, hour, and place at which the SBE shall meet to hear the objection. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

NOTE: Instead of waiting for registered mail service of an objection, candidates may file a waiver of service with the State Board of Elections. By filing a waiver of service, candidates will receive notice of any objections filed against their nomination papers and notice of the call

of the cases electronically and may pick up hard copies of objections at the office of the State Board of Elections the evening of the last day for filing objection petitions. For more information, please contact the State Board of Elections.

ELECTORAL

BOARD MEETING: The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after receipt of objector's petition by the chair of the electoral board. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

JUDICIAL

REVIEW FILED: Within 5 days after service of the decision of the electoral board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision of the board may file a petition for judicial review with the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the electoral board was held. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after filing of petition and the decision delivered promptly thereafter. (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1)

ANSWERS TO COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PETITIONS:

Alteration of documents:

1. May a petition be changed after it has been filed?

No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered.

Signing petitions:

1. Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.

2. May a signer who voted Republican in the last primary now sign a petition for a Democratic candidate (or vice versa)?

Yes, however, no one may sign petitions for more than one party.

3. Can a signer sign an established party petition and a new party and/or independent petition?

Yes, a signer may sign an established party candidate's petition prior to a general primary election and later sign a petition of an independent OR a new political party candidate prior to a general election. The signer may not sign a petition of more than one established party for the general primary election. The signer may not sign a petition of more than one independent or new political party candidate's petition for the same office.

4. Can a signer sign one party's petitions for the primary but request another party's ballot at the primary election?

Yes, a signer may sign one party's petition for the primary and request the other party's ballot at the primary.

5. What name should the signer use when signing a petition?

The signer should sign the petition exactly as they are registered to vote. Example: The signature for James Smith should not appear on the petition as Jim Smith. However, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the signer can be identified.

6. Are pencil signatures allowed?

Yes, but it is strongly advised to use a pen with dark ink.

7. Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

Though ditto marks are not specifically prohibited, it is suggested they be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information, except a signer's signature.

8. Who can remove a name from a nomination petition?

Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike the signature. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3) However, an individual can submit a written request with the SBE to have their name revoked before the petition is filed.

CIRCULATOR:

1. May a candidate circulate their own petitions?

Yes.

2. May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate?

No.

3. When can the circulator start collecting signatures?

No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing the petitions.

4. Can a petition page be circulated by more than one individual?

No. Only the person who signs the page as circulator can circulate that page. By signing the page as a circulator, the circulator is attesting that all the signatures were signed in their presence.

5. May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition they are circulating?

Yes.

6. May a circulator circulate petitions for an established party candidate and a new party candidate?

No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

7. Is the circulator required to be a registered voter?

No, but they must be at least 17 years of age (18 years of age by the date of the general election) and a United States Citizen. (10 ILCS 5/3-6(c), 7-10, 10-4)

NOTARIZATION:

1. Must the notary put the date of their commission expiration on the document?

The notary stamp indicates the date of commission expiration.

2. Must the notary public live in the same county as the candidate?

No.

3. Must the notary reside in Illinois, and may the notary also be a signatory of the petition?

Under the provisions of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act (765 ILCS 30/1 *et seq.*), notarial acts may be performed outside of Illinois for use in Illinois.

It has not been definitively determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and circuit courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any appellate court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

FILING PETITIONS:

1. May a candidate file in-person or by mail?

Petitions may be filed by mail or in-person, either by the candidate or their representative.

2. When are petitions open to the public?

Upon their filing with the proper office (there will be some delay in availability after filing for staff to process the filing).

3. Does a candidate have to file their own petition?

No.

4. May a candidate file their own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?

Yes.

5. When may petitions be mailed?

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions that are received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. See Illinois Administrative Code, Title 26, Parts 201 and 202 for further detail.

6. May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes, an established party may slate a candidate for each office to be filled within a district.

Example - in a congressional district, several delegates are to be elected. Each candidate of the slate must individually file a Statement of Candidacy. Delegate and Alternate Delegate candidates must each file a Statement of Presidential Preference. The Statement of Candidacy and Statement of Presidential Preference for each candidate must be attached to the original slate petition.

7. If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail pickup or delivery of the day, will you be first on the ballot?

Not necessarily. If petitions for two or more candidates are filed in-person by people standing in line prior to the opening of the office and/or delivered in the first U.S. mail pickup or delivery, those petitions will be considered as filed simultaneously and the candidates will be involved in a lottery for ballot position. Candidates who have their petitions delivered by any delivery service other than the United States Postal Service do not qualify for the ballot position lottery.

2024 SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Democratic	Republican	Independent	New Party
3,000 - 5,000	3,000 - 5,000	25,000	25,000

2024 MINIMUM SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

District	Democratic	Republican
1	500	370
2	500	342
3	500	277
4	481	197
5	500	426
6	500	627
7	500	136
8	500	460
9	500	358
10	500	467
11	500	598
12	444	1,089
13	500	567
14	500	552
15	500	1,068
16	500	984
17	500	596

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2024 DISTRICT ALLOCATION FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

District	Democratic	Republican
1	7 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
2	6 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
3	6 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
4	5 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
5	8 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
6	6 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
7	8 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
8	5 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
9	7 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
10	6 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
11	5 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
12	3 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
13	6 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
14	5 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
15	4 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
16	4 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
17	5 Delegates, 0 Alternates	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates

Total Elected	96 Delegates, 0 Alternates	51 Delegates, 51 Alternates
Total Appointed	82 Delegates, 12 Alternates	13 Delegates, 10 Alternates
TOTAL	178 Delegates, 12 Alternates	64 Delegates, 61 Alternates

* Under the provisions of Section 7-14.1 of the Election Code, the Secretary of State shall report to the State Board of Elections the number of delegates to which Illinois will be entitled from the call of the national convention of each party. (10 ILCS 5/7-14.1) The information listed above is based on information from the Proposed Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention and from Rules 14(a)(3) and 16(d)(5) of the Rules of the Republican Party, as amended by the Republican National Committee on April 14, 2022. The information will remain UNOFFICIAL until the Secretary of State has received the call for both conventions.

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